

For Men—Coat Sweaters To-Day A Few Facts for Busy Men



A man came in the "Men's Corner" yesterday and asked to see Coat Sweaters. "I don't propose to pay two or three prices for a Coat Sweater," he said, and we gathered from his conversation that he had been unable to find what he wanted in price and quality elsewhere.

That same man bought two Coat Sweaters before his departure. His actions count for more than what we could tell you.

Every other man is wearing a Coat Sweater. Just drop down in the wholesale district and around the offices and see for yourself. Takes the place of a bulky coat during office hours, and looks neat at all times.

Styles change in Coat Sweaters, and you will find all combinations of colors here. Gray with red or navy, white with gray, red, navy and green—brown with tan. Solid colors are also shown.

Boys and Men's Good Knit Sweaters at 50c
Boys' and Men's Heavy Part Wool Sweaters \$1.00

Men's and Boys' Wool Sweaters at \$1.00 and \$1.50.
Better and best qualities from \$2.00 to \$3.98.

Miller & Rhoads
"The South's Largest Department Store"

"ORDER OF UNITY" QUILTS VIRGINIA

Pittsburg Concern Declines to Submit to an Expert Examination.

"The Order of Unity," a fraternal insurance organization of Pittsburg, Pa., which has been doing business in Virginia, is averse to having its books examined. Desiring to look into the affairs of the concern, the State Bureau of Insurance sent a representative to Pittsburg for this purpose. Evidently this official got no further than the front door of the office. Insurance Commissioner Button yesterday received a telegram from Chas. H. Coons, Secretary of the Order of Unity, requesting the department to cancel its license to do business in this State. The telegram further states it has wired its representatives to solicit no further business in Virginia. It had evidently rather withdraw from the State than to have the public know its affairs.

HIGHEST COURT TO MEET

Commonwealth Docket May Be Completed To-Day.

It is expected that four of the judges of the Supreme Court of Appeals—Judges James Keith, R. H. Cardwell, George M. Harrison and Stafford G. Whitte—will be on the bench when the fall term of the court begins this morning. Judge John A. Buchanan is in a hospital recovering from a recent illness.

The Commonwealth cases are likely to be all disposed of to-day, and the privileged docket entered upon. Three cases on the latter list are expected to be heard.

The one Corporation Commission case, which is docketed just succeeding the Commonwealth cases will be passed until the January term.

A big bunch of decisions on cases heard at Staunton are expected to be handed down next Thursday.

Public Hearing.

This morning the Corporation Commission will hear the railroad case from Washington county, in which the Laurel Railway asks to be allowed to cross the tracks of the Virginia-Carolina Railway three times at grade within a short distance.

CARPENTER DIES OF BROKEN SKULL

Body of George McMillan Will Be Held for Arrival of Relatives.

George McMillan, fifty years old, who suffered a fractured skull at Midlothian, Va., Tuesday afternoon died yesterday afternoon at 6 o'clock in the Memorial Hospital. He never regained consciousness after the injury, the exact causes of which are still a mystery. McMillan had been employed as a carpenter by E. C. Woodward, a contractor of this city, for several years.

The body was turned over to Undertaker Bennett, and will be held by him until relatives can determine what disposition is to be made of it. A brother in Pittsburg has been notified of the death, and will probably reach Richmond to-day. McMillan was single, and had no relatives here.

DO YOU FEAR

the effects of certain kinds of food? Do they cause you untold suffering from Heartburn, Nausea and Headache? Then you really need a short course of

HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS

at once. Your stomach and digestive organs are in bad shape, and Nature needs assistance or you are going to be sick. Get a bottle to-day. It is for Indigestion, Dizziness, Constipation, Biliousness, Colic, Grippe and Malaria. Insist on Hostetter's with private stamp over neck.

LIBRARY BOARD IN ANNUAL MEETING

Portrait of Cyrus H. McCormick to Be Presented—Employee Resigns.

Little outside of routine business was transacted last night at the annual meeting of the State Library Board. The members present were: Armstrong C. Gordon, chairman, of Staunton; S. E. Patterson, of Richmond; Edmund Pendleton, of Richmond, and Judge Theodore S. Garnett, of Norfolk.

The annual report of State Librarian H. R. McIlwaine was received and accepted. This report recounts the work of the librarian's office for the year.

Miss Rison, who has been at the head of the serials department in the library for some time, presented her resignation, which was reluctantly accepted. Miss Edmondia Blair Martin was elected to succeed her. Miss Martin was a former employee of the library, having received her training there.

It was reported to the board that Cyrus H. McCormick, of Chicago, will soon present to the library a portrait of his late father, Cyrus H. McCormick, the inventor, and a native of Virginia. The board adopted a resolution directing the executive committee to arrange for a ceremonial upon the occasion of the presentation of the portrait, and requesting Mr. Patterson to accept it on behalf of the State.

PREMATURE POLITICS

Congressman Glass Makes Date for Interview Three Years Hence.

Congressman Glass betrayed an irresistible tendency to smile when questioned regarding the current newspaper story that he is likely to be the next Governor of Virginia. "See me about three years hence and I may give you an interview on the subject," he said.

"Talking about a Governor who has not yet taken his seat, and who will be in office four years, is most certainly a premature piece of business," continued Mr. Glass. "We may all be dead within three years, politically or otherwise."

SEND CHECKS FOR FREE SCHOOL FUND

More Than One Million Dollars Apportioned by Department of Education.

Funds for the support of the free primary and grammar schools of the State have been apportioned among the various counties and cities by the Department of Public Instruction, and checks for one-half of the apportionment are being sent out to the county and city treasurers. This money constitutes the total public school fund raised by State taxation, and is, of course, independent of city, county and district taxes. The remaining half of the fund will be sent out on February 1.

State aid to high schools comes by direct appropriation by the Legislature, and is distributed in December. The figures of the department show a total school population in the State of 559,615. The fund divided amounts to \$1,040,098.15, and this is apportioned according to the scholastic population. Based on a school population of 23,555, Richmond will receive \$43,917.48. Norfolk gets \$23,098.46.

Circuit Court of Appeals.

The United States Circuit Court of Appeals was not in session for the argument of cases yesterday. The following case will be in the call to-day: No. 905—John T. McGraw, appellant, vs. Abram C. Mott, appellee; appeal from the Circuit Court at Martinsburg, W. Va. To be argued by George W. Fisher, of Parkersburg, W. Va.; Jake Fisher, of Sutton, W. Va.; and William A. Glasgow, Jr., of Philadelphia, Pa. for the appellant; and by S. W. Walker, of Martinsburg, W. Va., for the appellee.

CHILDREN LOVE COMIC SECTION

Sunday Visitor Great Blessing in Country Home, Where Few Papers Go.

NEWSPAPERS AND RELIGION

Correspondents Commend Work of Times-Dispatch in Chapman-Alexander Meetings.

Banquet at 8:30 P. M.

The banquet to the Times-Dispatch correspondents will be given at 8:30 o'clock to-night, and not at 9 o'clock, as previously stated. Members of the Virginia Press Association will be among the invited guests. Motor cars will be in front of Murphy's Hotel at 8:30 o'clock this afternoon to carry the correspondents to all points of interest about the city.

After having shared the honor of being especially addressed by President Taft yesterday morning in the House of Delegates, the Times-Dispatch correspondents' Association met in regular session yesterday afternoon in the assembly hall of Murphy's Hotel. Some of the members of the association were absent on account of their attendance on the various features of the Taft Day celebration, but a goodly number gathered to carry out the work outlined for them.

Miss Lulu G. Andrews, of the State Normal School at Farmville, read the first paper of the afternoon session, an interesting and unusually well-written discussion on the query, "What is News?" Miss Andrews took as the key-thought of her paper a sentence illustrating the avidity of the Athenians for news, and then compared and contrasted with them the Americans of to-day and their wonderful method of embalming and preserving gossip and common talk in printed form.

Hard to Answer.

The question, said she, as to what is news, is almost impossible to answer, because of the various views of people in different positions. The politician thinks that it is news which stirs up his side, the moralist thinks that it is news which does not tend to corrupt the mind, and so on.

The prime requisite of news, she declared, is that it be fresh and that it be printed before someone else prints it. While in many cases, accuracy is sacrificed to haste, this rush in the system of the newspaper is a reflection of the hurry spirit that, according to the speaker, is characteristic of the American people. It seemed regretful, she thought, that more leisure could not be injected into the newspaper profession.

One of the dangers and faults of some newspapers is the habit of making disproportionate certain kinds of news. Baseball and pugilism too often, in some papers, feature on the front page, while things more nearly deserving of attention are hid deep away in small print. Sensationalism in the press is beginning to make people read two sets of papers, one at first-hand to find out what the news is reported to be, and another later to find out whether the first paper was correct.

The second paper, "The Newspaper in the Home," was written in an entertaining style and read by Miss Besse Cooke, of Rockville. She pointed out the home without a daily newspaper is likely to be a home where narrowness prevails and where lamentable ignorance of what is going on in the world outside is found in most cases. A home once educated to the use of a newspaper rarely dispenses with it.

Spreads Gospel, Too.

An instance of the great blessing afforded in the country home was that of the reports in the Times-Dispatch of the Chapman-Alexander meetings last winter. The aged and infirm, who were in many cases so indisposed as to be unable to go to church, received, through the medium of the press, the inspiring words of the great evangelist and news of his meetings in Richmond.

Many a tired mother, she said, looked upon the comic section of the paper as a real help and a real blessing. It serves to amuse the children, for many an hour, and gives the mother time to do other things than look after the children all the time. There are homes all over Virginia where for days and weeks in advance the children clamor for the comic section of the paper, and the mother looks forward to the day when it comes to the house. "Buster Brown," the leading figure of the comic sheet, is indeed a hero in the eyes of the children, and in hundreds of homes the picture story of his next doings is looked forward to by the children as their very greatest pleasure.

Concluding, Miss Cooke declared that the paper is a blessing to all the home, saving many a mother from a tedious and a touch of greater human interest into the lives of all in the home.

Elect Officers To-Day.

After the papers had been read there was a short business session. A committee was appointed to draw up resolutions of regret at the death of two members of the association—A. Thomas, of Louisville, N. C., and Miss Cora V. Perkins, of Columbia.

Last night the members of the association attended the entertainment given by Polk Miller and his quartet under the auspices of the Virginia State Press Association, and the program was thoroughly enjoyed.

The Times-Dispatch Correspondents' Association will meet at Murphy's Hotel this morning at 10 o'clock for the further reading of papers, and at the afternoon session officers will be elected. At 9 o'clock to-night a banquet will be tendered the association, at which many prominent speakers, including Governor Swanson and Governor-elect Mann will make addresses.

"Romantic Side of Banking."

Carlton C. Barry will talk to the members of the Richmond Chapter of the American Institute of Bankers at their regular meeting to-night in their rooms over the City Bank, his subject being "The Romantic Side of Banking."

Qualified an Executor.

The will of Mrs. Julia Lee Isaacs was admitted to probate in the Chancery Court yesterday. The estate is valued at \$18,500. Frank B. Isaacs qualified as executor.

PROPOSE UNIFORM SCHEDULE OF RATES

Virginia Press Association Suggests Minimum Charge for Advertising.

DISCUSS LIBEL LAWS

Editors Claim Virginia Statutes Work Hardship on Newspaper Publishers.

Determined to bring every editor in Virginia into its membership, the Virginia Press Association closed the last business session of the most successful meeting in its history yesterday afternoon. There were discussions on questions of interest to newspaper publishers and a renewal of the spirit which bids fair to make the organization a potent factor in the future welfare of the State.

Fifty editors were present, while Secretary Hart reported about twenty absentees, who perhaps took advantage of the opportunity to hear President Taft at the auditorium. President Williams stated that he had purposely avoided set speeches, as they sooner or later become nothing more than a Christmas or Thanksgiving editorial, which never embody any new idea. Few of the members failed to take advantage of the opportunity to gain advice, which was liberally dispensed by trained and experienced minds.

Crusade for New Members.

Probably the most interesting discussion, for the good that may accrue to the society, arose from the presentation of a resolution, which was unanimously adopted, the primary purpose of which is to double the membership in the association.

Twenty new names were added to the list at the Richmond meeting, and several delegates volunteered to launch a personal campaign to bring new faces to the annual meeting in Lynchburg next summer.

George Green, of Clifton Forge, offered a resolution that the chairman appoint a committee, one member from each congressional district, whose duty it will be to look after the publishers in his or her territory. The resolution was freely commented upon, and unanimously adopted. A representative of one of the Richmond type foundry plants, seeking to inspire enthusiasm in the crusade, offered a reward of \$25 to the member who reports the largest number of new names at the next annual session.

Would Hold Two Meetings.

Judge Campbell occupied the chair prior to Mr. Williams' arrival, and for nearly an hour the members engaged in a discussion of a resolution proposed by the speaker, in view of the success of the Richmond meeting, that the association meet twice a year, instead of once, and that the extra session be held in one or another of the larger cities. This matter, under the constitution, was referred to the executive committee. Many of the editors expressed the belief that one good meeting will fulfill all functions.

Mr. Williams emphasized questions of circulation, rates and co-operation as potential factors for the success of a modern newspaper, and in asking for the expression of ideas, especially recommended that the editors confine their remarks to those questions. A suggestion was made that the Virginia Press Association should avoid the intrusion of topics which make large advertising contracts and jump out of them after the bill is presented. It was agreed that this inconvenience could be overcome by the shrewdness of the business manager.

Uniform Advertising Rates.

"There will be no stronger organization in this State for the good of its members," said Judge Campbell, "if the Virginia Press Association will get together and agree on a uniform rate of advertising based on the circulation of the paper." J. E. Cooke, of Waynesboro, cited the condition of affairs under which the publishers of the State are now operating, and gave one rate to a certain class, and maintain a separate rate in competition to other papers in the section. This was emphasized as a great disadvantage, and one which the association, through united effort, will be enabled to overcome.

The question of libel laws was brought up by Mr. Fivesh, of Norfolk. President Williams emphasized the efforts which have been made to relieve the present stringency of such laws in Virginia, and many references were made to similar laws, much less exacting, in North Carolina. In the Tarheel State, it was explained, the editor who inserts a libelous article, without intent or malice, is allowed an opportunity of retraction, whereas in Virginia the publisher is not allowed this recourse.

Less Stringent Libel Laws.

One member suggested that there is a certain class of lawyers who make a practice of watching the responsible newspapers for an opportunity of bringing libel suits. These lawyers, whom the association was asked to look upon as "ambulance chasers," generally work on a commission, or, unless they win in court, the rest of the discussion was the naming of a committee, with Mr. Williams as chairman, to seek revised legislation this winter.

The question of railroad rates was discussed, and a committee named to visit the officials of the lines operating in Virginia for the purpose of devising some means of special concession to the public to buy Christmas goods early is believed to have something to do with stimulating early trade, and already this tendency has reached the point where the jokesmith is wondering when the time will come for the papers to advise people to buy late and avoid the early rush.

Bradstreet's resume of the situation is generally favorable, excepting as to weather conditions. Lack of rain, it says, has retarded sales in the territory, and consequently sales in some lines have been somewhat small. Trade is generally active in most lines, continues the report. "Reports show building operations in excess of last year for the month of October. Shoe manufacturers and wholesalers report sales in excess of last season." Cotton continues to be marketed in large volume in North Carolina, says the report, that State being of course considered by Bradstreet as a part of Richmond's tributary territory. This movement gives a stimulus to practically all lines of trade.

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Degree Work.

The first degree will be conferred on several candidates to-night by the degree team of Abou Ben Adhem Lodge, No. 210, at 10th and 11th streets. Past Grand Master John W. Dunn will have charge of the degree work. Members of the order visiting in the city are invited to attend.

TEACHER IS FINED FOR WHIPPING GIRL

Nelson Williams, Who Chastised Colored Girl, Also Suspended.

CITY SCHOOL BOARD ACTS

Rules of Board Violated—Police Court Case to Be Dropped.

On recommendation of the committee on teachers and schools, which has had the matter under investigation, the City School Board yesterday adopted a recommendation publicly reprimanding Nelson Williams (colored), head teacher of the Highlands public school, in Fulton, for violation of the rules of the board in having whipped Bessie May Johnson, a twelve-year-old colored girl. Coupled with the reprimand is a suspension of the teacher for half a month, without pay, which in his case is the equivalent of a fine of \$47.50.

A case against Williams, pending in the Police Court, will probably be dismissed, Justice Crutchfield having stated that unless it seemed necessary he would not interfere with the School Board, which was prompt to take the matter up on the first complaint.

Cannot Whip Girls.

The recommendation of the committee was adopted by the board unanimously. The rules of the School Board prohibit corporal punishment of girls, and of boys only in certain cases and under certain conditions, when the whipping must take place in the principal's office in the presence of a witness.

In the case under investigation, while there seems to have been provocation on the part of the girl, yet the board was informed that she was whipped with a strap in the presence of other scholars, the evidence going to show that the teacher at the time was in a fit of anger. The Highlands school is one of the smaller colored schools recently taken in from the county, and has no resident principal, the head teacher being in charge during the absence of other school officials.

MUSICIAN ARRESTED

Went to Rival Band and Is Charged with Desertion.

Alexander Paparilli, an enlisted musician in the Richmond Light Infantry Blues Band, was arrested yesterday morning at the instance of Major E. W. Bowles, commanding, on a charge of desertion. Paparilli had deserted from the band and is alleged to have refused to obey the warning of his comrades when they asked him to return to his own command. The matter was reported to Major Bowles just before the parade started, and he detailed a squad of men from Company A to place the musician under arrest. He was placed in the Police Court pen and was afterwards released on his own recognizance. He will appear before a court-martial on Friday night.

COAST ARTILLERY

Last of New Officers Get Instruction at Fort Monroe.

By December 15 the last of the new officers of the coast artillery branch of the military service, authorized five years ago, will have completed their courses of instruction at Fort Monroe. Twenty-six second lieutenants were recently assigned to the coast artillery corps from civil life. These officers were ordered to report to the posts to which they have been assigned not later than November 10. After five days' duty at their respective posts, they were ordered to report to the coast artillery corps at Fort Monroe for a course of instruction not to exceed one month.

MR. DAVIS IMPROVES

Councilman Underscored Simple Operation, and Is in No Danger.

Councilman C. P. Davis, who was operated on at the Retreat for the sick yesterday afternoon, was reported to be in no danger. Mr. Davis is suffering from inflammation of the foot, caused by wearing tight-fitting shoes after a slight accident. Physicians declare there was never any danger of blood-poisoning, and that the operation was a success. A piece of bone was removed from the big toe, but the operation was a very simple one, and is said to have been easily successful. Mr. Davis is expected to be out in a few days.

EARLY DEMAND FOR HOLIDAY GOODS

Wholesale and Retail Trade Good in Richmond District.

Early and spirited trade in Christmas goods is expected by the merchants of Richmond and vicinity. Bradstreet's report for this week will say that dealers in toys, confections and holiday goods are beginning already to feel a pre-holiday stimulus. Continued advice from merchants and the press to the public to buy Christmas goods early is believed to have something to do with stimulating early trade, and already this tendency has reached the point where the jokesmith is wondering when the time will come for the papers to advise people to buy late and avoid the early rush.

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ALLEGED CROOK PUT UNDER ARREST

Man Giving Name of William Harris Accused of Pocket-Picking.

DETECTIVE MAKES CAPTURE

Officer Tries to Get Confederates, but Does Not Succeed.

After watching a man skillfully pick another man's pocket, Detective Sergeant Wiltshire yesterday morning arrested a man who afterwards gave his name as William Harris, on a charge of picking pockets at Ninth and Grace Streets, and after a short struggle, in which he had to call in the aid of a citizen to help him, locked the suspect up in the Second Police Station. Sergeant Wiltshire had watched the man for some time, and had discovered that he was working with three companions. Over one arm he had laid an overcoat, and under this he brushed up against the citizen and worked his fingers through all his pockets. The three companions did all the shoving and pushing necessary, and the rest was comparatively easy for the principal.

The detective wanted to capture all four in the crowd, and he watched and waited in vain for an officer, and was unable to get in call of one without losing his prey. Finally the man who was working the actual pocket-picking caught on to the detective, and the latter arrested him rather than lose all. The thief, as he is alleged to be, resisted, and the detective had to call in aid.

At the police station the alleged pickpocket refused to give his name, occupation or address. Finally he said, "Put me down as Will Harris." That remark alone convinced Sergeant Wiltshire that the man was a pickpocket. In one of his hip pockets Harris had a cap, and a silver watch and \$16.00 were found in his possession.

LAYMEN HOLD RALLY

Many Churches Represented at Supper, Where Reports Are Read.

Newly every church in the city was represented last night at a supper given to the committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement at the Central Young Men's Christian Association. The meeting was a sort of clearing-house for ideas on the movement. The testimony of those who were present was that the project had done individuals and churches more good than anything of its kind ever held in this city. Churches reported large increases in contributions to missions, some of them more than double. Those carrying heavy debts have been particularly benefited, and are readily finding means to meet obligations.

The chairman of the missionary committee, in his address, reported from all the churches as to the total amount that will be given to foreign missions for this year by individuals and societies, specifically mentioned that the number of givers was to be reported only from the regular written subscription of the contributor.

Child Badly Hurt.

Mary Winston, of 12 Hague Street, Fulton, fell from the porch of her home yesterday afternoon and remained unconscious two and a half hours. A hurry call was sent to the City Hospital, and Dr. Collier responded. It was found necessary to take the child to the hospital, where it was found that severe injury had been inflicted. Dr. Collier stated that his patient was doing very well last night and that he expected her to recover.

Quill A Scarce.

Sergeant-at-Arms Frank P. Watkins, of the State Senate, who is a clerk in the office of the State Auditor, has received a letter of complaint from his home in Charlotte county. Mr. Watkins is very much disappointed at the reluctance exhibited by the quill to fall victims to his gun, and thinks the Virginia game law has so far accomplished little in the preservation of the festive partridge.

Stockholders Meet.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Richmond Locomotive Works was held in the offices of the company yesterday. Secretary Callaway attended on behalf of the American Locomotive Company, which owns a majority of the stock in the Richmond works. The meeting was of a formal character, with certain legal requirements, and no action was taken.

TAKE UP FIGHT ON TUBERCULOSIS

Colored People and East End Citizens to Conduct Separate Meetings To-Night.

With the idea of making Richmond the rallying point for the anti-tuberculosis campaign among the negroes of the entire country, a mass-meeting will be held to-night at Fifth Street Baptist Church. Among the speakers will be State Health Commissioner E. G. Williams and City Health Officer E. C. Levy. Addresses will also be made by two colored health workers, Prof. D. Webster Davis, of Richmond, and R. D. Morton, of Hampton, president of the Virginia Colored Anti-Tuberculosis League.

The Federated Insurance League, which is composed of colored insurance organizations and fraternal societies, is taking up the fight against consumption. The officers of the concerns represented in this league go into many homes daily, and its lodges hold meetings on an average of twice a month. It is the intention to make a place in the lodge rituals for health talks, when short addresses on the prevention and cure of tuberculosis will be delivered.

At East End Church.

Dr. Levy and probably Assistant Health Commissioner Allen W. Freeman will speak also to-night at an anti-tuberculosis meeting at the East End Baptist Church. An exhibit on this subject is being made in the lecture-room of the church and will continue until Friday.

While apparently Dr. Levy will violate the law of possibilities in speaking in two places at one time, he will appear at both appointments.

ARMY OFFICER TO EACH REGIMENT

Suggestion as to Removing Regulars From Military Schools.

FOLLOWS COL. STERN'S IDEA

Military Journal Presents Plan for Helping State Militia.

It is interesting to note that the line of thought regarding the detail of militia officers to broader lines of work, as recently suggested by Inspector-General Jo Lane Stern, of Richmond, in his annual report to the Adjutant-General, is being followed by writers on military subjects. Colonel Stern's point was inasmuch as the regular army is short on officers, it might be profitable to permit the detail of State militia officers to service with the regular army. In this way the army would gain a broadening education in things military.

The suggestion now comes from a military journal, "Arms and the Man," that it would be advisable to take regular army officers from the military schools to which they are now assigned and to substitute militia officers at these institutions. Furthermore, the idea is developed to the point of advocating the detail of a regular army officer with every regiment of militia. In this way there would be a constant interchange of ideas in the regular and militia services, and were Colonel Stern's recommendation to be adopted, the two organizations would soon be in close touch.

Officers in Schools.

The writer in "Arms in the Man" questions the benefit to the nation in the way of increased military knowledge through the detailing of officers of the army to military schools. He says that the pressing need for the detail of a large number of active officers of the regular establishment for duty with the National Guard "naturally gives rise to a question as to whether a considerable number of officers now on duty with military schools would not be better employed in carrying on the instruction of the National Guardmen."

"The students of our educational institutions where military instruction is had," he continues, "are not subject to service in the event of war, and no military rests upon them to join the colors or any other form of military service. The knowledge of things military which is imparted to them is doubtless of value. Putting them under discipline is of itself a good thing, but it is extremely doubtful whether the benefit to the country is at all equal to that which would result if the officers now engaged in instructing these students were detailed with the States as teachers of the National Guard."

On Duty With Militia.

In the opinion of the "Arms and the Man" editorial, there should be one regular officer with every regiment of the National Guard. Until within the last couple of weeks, there has been none at all in Virginia, although there are now two non-commissioned officers here for the entire State. One of these has been assigned temporarily to the First Regiment of Infantry, and the other to the Richmond Light Infantry Blues. These sergeants are present at the drills, making observations, and suggesting changes in methods, while later they are expected to impart some of the modern technical instruction they have both recently received from the army school at Fort Leavenworth.

The value of such a system can be readily seen, but its consummation, as the military journal says, while devoutly to be wished, is impossible at present. The army has no officers of attainment until the army has more officers, or until there is found some way to use for service with the organized militia some of the officers now employed in other duty.

The suggestion made by Colonel Stern, as well as that of "Arms and the Man," here becomes of much interest.

Waste of Material.

The paper's argument for transfer of officers with military schools for duty with State militia is as follows: "For those particular items of military knowledge which are ordinarily imparted to the students of a military college, the officers of the National Guard would be quite as satisfactory as any regular. Would it not be well, then, to consider the question of turning over to the States for use with their National Guard, regular officers now detailed to the military schools, substituting for them the schools officers of the National Guard detailed for the purpose? There is scarcely a school which could not secure a National Guard officer for this service, if it offered an opportunity for instruction in other lines to the individual so detailed."

"Without doubt there is a waste of good material under the present system. As we have pointed out, the officers on duty with the schools do some good, but equally without doubt they would do more good if they were detailed with the National Guard. "It will be well for the War Department, the State authorities and the schools to consider this question in an endeavor to arrive at some arrangement by which we can secure the transmission of military knowledge to those individuals who would be of the earliest and most use to the country in time of war."

TRY CARTER TO-DAY